

Introduced by Senator Wright

February 26, 2009

An act to add Article 4.6 (commencing with Section 172) to Chapter 1 of Division 1 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 485, as introduced, Wright. State Highway Operation and Protection Program Emergency Funding Act.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of all state highways and requires the department to prepare a State Highway Operation and Protection Program for the expenditure of transportation funds for major capital improvements necessary to preserve and protect the state highway system.

This bill would enact the State Highway Operation and Protection Program Emergency Funding Act and state the intent of the Legislature to provide adequate funding to meet the needs of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program in the 2009–10 fiscal year.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Article 4.6 (commencing with Section 172) is
- 2 added to Chapter 1 of Division 1 of the Streets and Highways
- 3 Code, to read:

1 Article 4.6. State Highway Operation and Protection Program
2 Emergency Funding Act

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4 172. This article shall be known and may be cited as the State
5 Highway Operation and Protection Program Emergency Funding
6 Act.

7 172.1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

8 (a) The State Highway Operation and Protection Program
9 (SHOPP), as established by the Department of Transportation
10 pursuant to Section 14526.5 of the Government Code, provides
11 transportation funds for major capital improvements that are
12 necessary for the maintenance, safety, and rehabilitation of
13 California's highways and bridges. SHOPP is essential to the
14 health, safety, and welfare of the state's traveling public.

15 (b) SHOPP is underfunded. Currently, SHOPP's funds can pay
16 for approximately 20 percent of the capital improvements that are
17 necessary to preserve and protect the state's highway system.
18 SHOPP's inadequate funding poses an immediate threat to the
19 health, safety, and welfare of the people of California.

20 172.2. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide adequate
21 funding to meet the needs of the State Highway Operation and
22 Protection Program in the 2009–10 fiscal year.